REMARKS

The instant application is a continuation of International Application No.

PCT/US02/15965, filed May 21, 2002. The Specification has been amended to include a reference to the government support to the invention. Claims 66, 68, 69, 73, 75, 81, and 119 have been amended to avoid multiple dependency. Claims 59, 62-65, 67, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85-96, 98, 99, 101-106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 120, 121, and 126-128 have been amended to correct typographic errors. New Claims 130 and 131 have been added. Upon entry of the above-made amendments, Claims 59-131 will be pending.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the instant application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

PIPER RUDNICK LLP

Steven B. Kelber

Registration No. 30,073

Attorney of Record

1200 Nineteenth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036-2412 Telephone No. (202) 861-3900

Facsimile No. (202) 223-2085

Michael Ye, Ph.D.

Registration No. 47,195